

Security Information

Deputies' Meeting

Tuesday, 12 August 1952

PRESENT: General Smith, Messrs. Dulles, Wisner, Wolf, Becker, Hedden, [ ]

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Mr. Wolf:

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a. Raised the question of employment for [ ] Ret., and noted he would be an excellent choice to head our Transportation Division. The DCI stated that [ ] services could be better utilized either in the Far East or in one of the executive positions [ ] and, in this connection, asked Mr. Dulles to discuss this matter with [ ] In regard to obtaining a qualified individual to head our Transportation activities, the DCI asked Mr. Wolf to get in touch with [ ] and request his assistance in furnishing us a list of retired colonels in the Transportation Corps or officers who might be retiring in the near future. The DCI noted that the proposed retention of 40 to 60 per cent of colonels eligible for retirement for 30 years service would not cause us any trouble since Secretary Pace would agree to retire officers in this category in order that they might accept civilian employment with CIA.

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Mr. Wisner:

a. Reported the briefing for the JCS had been well received and stated that (1) he had made all points desired by the Director; (2) [ ] did not attend the briefing since his orders assigning him to CIA had not yet been published, however, we did obtain from [ ] his and the Watch Committee's views, which were included in the presentation; (3) the briefing

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c. Referred to the discussion at the Deputies' Meeting of 11 August concerning [ ] and stated that he had not been able to determine who promised [ ] "a break on the [ ] appointment"; however, he (DD/P) believed that [ ] himself was responsible. DCI stated that after some thought on this matter he believed this was correct.

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Mr. Wisner (Cont'd.)

d. Raised the question as to the rank of the newly appointed "Chiefs of Services" on the staff of DD/P and noted that these people in the past were or would have been considered Assistant Directors. The DCI stated that the individuals in question would continue to hold the rank of Assistant Directors. In connection with the Chief, Planning and Program Coordination, the Director noted that [ ] should be considered as a possible replacement for Col. Johnston in the event Col. Johnston's health prevented him from returning to duty. Mr. Wisner noted that [ ] was acting for Col. Johnston.

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Mr. Hedden:

a. Reported that [ ] had examined the bank account of [ ] and that he (Hedden) planned to advise the income tax investigator that the particular bank account of [ ] in question was, in fact, ours and therefore [ ] should not be held responsible for payment of any income tax connected therewith; however, it would be made clear to the investigator that any other accounts that [ ] might have had no connection with this Agency. In connection with this case, Mr. Hedden stated that [ ] had proven to be a "rotten apple" and necessary action had been taken to prevent any further connection with CIA. (NOTE: The Director approved the action taken by Mr. Hedden.)

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Mr. Becker:

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